

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PLOS BE

SUBJECT: LOS INTERSESSIONAL MEETING ON COMMITTEE I MATTERS IN GENEVA

REF: STATE 3591

1. BELGIANS HAVE NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER TO ATTEND EVANSEN  
MEETING FEBRUARY 28 - MARCH 11, 1977 IN GENEVA.  
THEIR DECISION WILL PROBABLY BE DETERMINED BY WHAT DOCUMENT  
EVENSEN PROPOSES AS A BASIS FOR DISCUSSION. IF HE USES  
THE REVISED SINGLE NEGOTIATING TEXT, BELGIUM WILL PROBABLY  
BE REPRESENTED BY ITS FOREIGN MINISTRY LOS EXPERT,  
PROFESSOR VAN DER ESSEN. IF EVENSEN PROPOSED ANOTHER TEXT,  
BELGIUM IS APT TO CONSIDER IT A STEP BACKWARDS AND WILL  
PROBABLY NOT SEND A REPRESENTATIVE.

2. AS A TECHNICAL MATTER OF FORM, WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED  
THAT THE UN LOS SECRETARIAT HAS NOT YET NOTIFIED BELGIUM  
OFFICIALLY OF THE EVENSEN MEETING IN GENEVA. IF THE  
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BELGIANS DECIDE NOT TO ATTEND, THEY MAY USE THE LACK  
OF TIMELY NOTIFICATION AS AN EXCUSE.

3. OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO S LOS DEL, THE BELGIAN  
FOREIGN MINISTRY HAS RECENTLY AND FOR THE FIRST TIME  
PROVIDED PROFESSOR VAN DER ESSEN WITH A DEPUTY, HENRI  
NOLAERD. LATTER MAY REPLACE VAN DER ESSEN WHEN HE

RETIRES IN TWO YEARS. HE IS AN APPROXIMATLY 30 YEAR OLD, FRANCOPHONE, CIVIL SERVANT, EXTREMELY WELL-VERSED IN LOS MATTERS (SOMEWHAT LESS IN THOSE PERTAINING TO ANTARCTICA, HIGHLY INTELLIGENT AND ARTICULATE. HE HAS IMPRESSED US AS VERY OPEN AND FRANK AND AS SUCH WILL BE WELL WORTH CULTIVAING BY OUR LOS DELEGATION WHEN HE REPRESENTS BELGIUM AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN THE FUTURE.

4. FOR CURRENT BELGIAN VIEWS ON COMMITTEE I MATTERS OF IMPORTANCE TO THEM, SEE SEPTEL.

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